

**Strougal resigns as Czech premier**

PRAGUE (R) — Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal, regarded as a prime backer of economic reform within the country's conservative leadership, resigned Monday. The official Ceska news agency said that Communist Party leader Milos Jakes had recommended to the Central Committee that it should accept Strougal's resignation from the post he has held since 1979. Strougal also submitted his resignation from the premiership (politiskeho), the party's innermost policy-making body. Ceska did not say when the Central Committee, roughly equivalent to the party's parliament, would vote on Strougal's request. But Western diplomats said the vote was a formality after Jakes backed the move. After resigning at the plenary session of the Central Committee w/ Slovak Republic Premier Peter Culak. In his speech to the session, Jakes also announced changes in the top-ranking politburo, the party secretariat, the Central Committee and federal, Czech and Slovak governments. Jakes was quoted as saying the proposed changes "proceed from the need for a new deployment of leading cadres in the interest of mastering the demanding tasks of economic and social restructuring."

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**AROUND THE WORLD...****Goulding visits Iraq**

BAGHDAD (R) — The United Nations' official in charge of Middle East peace-keeping operations arrived in Baghdad Monday to inspect Gulf war peacekeepers patrolling the Iran-Iraq border. U.N. Under-Secretary-General Murray Goulding will also meet Iraqi officials and brief the commander of the unarmed U.N. observer group, General Slavko Jovic, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

**Arab parties to gain at Labour's expense**

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Arabs will cast more votes than ever for predominantly Arab lists in Nov. 1 general elections at the expense of Israel's Labour Party, according to an opinion poll published Monday. The poll, in the newspaper *Yediot Acharonot*, said Israel's 600,000-strong Arab minority would elect nine members of parliament from Arab parties and five from Jewish-dominated parties. There are 120 seats in Israel's parliament. Labour will get two seats from Arab voters compared to four it got in the 1984 elections, according to the poll conducted by the Arab weekly *Kol Al Arab* and the Tel Aviv polling firm.

**Pinochet vows to stay in power until 1990**

SANTIAGO (R) — Chilean military leader General Augusto Pinochet said Sunday he has ruled out opposition demands for constitutional reforms and would not step down until March of 1990 following his defeat in a plebiscite on his 15-year-old government. In a television interview, Pinochet ruled out opposition demands for reforms in the country's constitution which allows him to continue in power another 17 months after losing a bid for a new eight-year term in Wednesday's plebiscite.

**Greek council rules Arab's extradition**

ATHENS (AP) — A judicial council Monday decided in favour of extraditing a Palestinian accused of a bomb blast aboard a PanAm jetliner in 1982. Defense lawyers however, appealed to the *Aresos Pagos*, Greece's supreme court, to revoke the extradition decision of 39-year-old Mohammad Rashid. The country's highest judicial body will hear the case within a month.

**Israel seeks to raise Moscow mission level**

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is seeking to raise the level of its first mission in the Soviet Union since 1967 by appointing a senior diplomat to head the consular delegation, a foreign ministry official said Monday. He said Israel would in the near future seek Soviet approval for Arye Levine, who has the rank of a deputy director-general of the ministry, to replace First Secretary Miron Gordon as head of the mission. The request is part of a broader plan to expand Israel's diplomatic network in the Soviet Union.

**Vassiliou begins visit to France**

PARIS (AP) — Cyprus President Georges Vassiliou met Monday with President Francois Mitterrand at the start of a two-day official visit to France. During his stay Vassiliou also will see other top officials including Prime Minister Michel Rocard. Vassiliou was expected to bring the French up to date on U.N.-sponsored talks he has been holding with Turkish Cypriot leader Raouf Denktash aimed at reaching a settlement to reunite the war-partitioned island.

**Ethiopian president starts Syrian visit**

DAMASCUS (R) — Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam arrived Monday for an official visit to Syria, surprising diplomats here who believe Syria supports rebels in the northern province of Eritrea. Officials said the visit, the first by an Ethiopian leader to Syria, comes at the invitation of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

**Race-based polls begin in South Africa**

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa, facing defiant calls from church and anti-apartheid groups to boycott race-based municipal elections, declared polling booths open Monday well in advance of the Oct. 26 vote. "Voters who cannot or don't want to vote on election day, Oct. 26, may make use of 'prior' votes. The strict regulations governing special or postal votes in parliamentary elections don't apply," state-run radio news reported.

**MOSCOW: Only 12 held for political offences**

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet Foreign Ministry official Monday disputed western estimates of political prisoners in his country saying only about a dozen people were serving sentences for political offences. Alexei Glukhov, deputy head of the Foreign Ministry's humanitarian and cultural contacts department, said that all those being held had committed offences against Soviet law, the TASS news agency reported.

**Rocket attacks on Kabul kill five**

KABUL (AP) — Guerrillas fired rockets at the capital during the night, killing five or six people, a government official said Monday. The muffled boom of rockets was heard intermittently throughout the night in Kabul, starting about an hour after sundown Sunday. The government official said he did not know how many people were injured and could not provide further details (Kabul jittery, page 5).

**Sudan's minister thanks Iraq**

BAGHDAD (R) — Visiting Sudanese Defence Minister Abdul Maged Hamed Khalid Monday personally thanked Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for sending aid to famine and flood stricken Sudan, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. Khalid is the first top-level Sudanese official to visit Baghdad since Sudan accused an Iraqi diplomat of the murder of dissident Iraqi leader Mahdi Al Hakim in Khartoum in January. Iraq denied the accusation, which it said was fabricated by pro-Iranian circles, and withdrew its ambassador. Relations have since steadily improved.

**Sudan asks UNICEF to stop work**

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese government has told UNICEF to stop distributing relief aid to areas in south Sudan controlled by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), a senior government official said Monday. The government had information that UNICEF was operating in SPLA-held areas along the Kenyan border, he told Reuters. He said relief to the south, where the war against the rebels has created widespread famine, should be handled by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

**Papandreou leaves London hospital**

LONDON (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou left a London hospital Monday following heart surgery last month. His long-time companion, former Olympic Airways stewardess Dimitra Liani, was at his side as he left for a London hotel. A Greek embassy spokesman said Papandreou, 69, could be back at work within 12 days. He would stay at the hotel for about 10 days before flying home, "We are talking in terms of a very, very speedy recovery," the spokesman said.

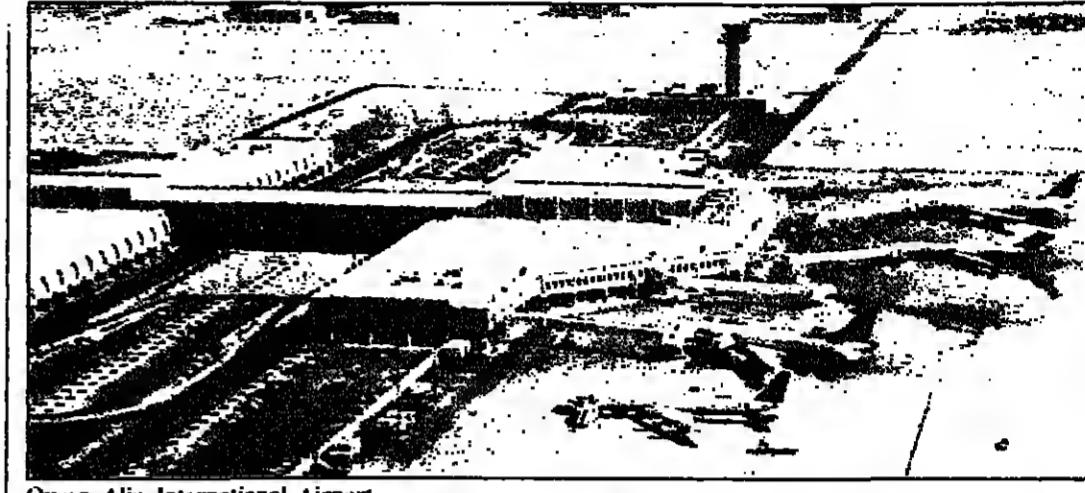
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**Sfeir to seek to end deadlock**

BEIRUT (AP) — Christian members of parliament Monday authorised Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, head of the dominant Maronite Catholic community, to negotiate with rival factions to elect a new Lebanese president in a bid to end a major political crisis. "We have given the patriarch the authorisation to negotiate in order to reach agreement as soon as possible on the president who will be elected by parliament," Deputy Albert Mokhaibar declared. Mokhaibar, who is the deputy parliament speaker, made the statement after the 29 parliamentarians met for 2½ hours with Sfeir at his seat in suburban Burj. "We have pledged to abide by any agreement the patriarch reaches in order to resolve the current crisis," Mokhaibar said. He indicated that a new president might be elected before Oct. 18, when the term of Parliament Speaker Hussein Hussein expires. "I expect a new president will be elected soon so that we can elect a speaker on the 18th," he said, without elaboration. The Christians' new move appeared to suggest that Sfeir would sound out Muslim leaders, and possibly Syria and the United States, on a compromise candidate. Hosni rejects federal system, page 5



Queen Alia International Airport

## King visits QAIA, briefed on RJ engineering activities

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday visited Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) and inspected the engineering department, the engine maintenance workshop and the duty-free shop.

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Executive President Ali Ghadour and senior officials briefed the King on the nature of work at the engineering and maintenance departments as well as the duty-free shop.

The King paid tribute to the efforts of RJ in the service of the country and wished RJ personnel further success and progress.

The King was accompanied by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Armed Forces Com-

mander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and the Royal Jordanian Air Force commander.

**Prime minister returns**

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Monday returned to Amman from London after accompanying His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on a visit to the United Kingdom during which he met with a number of British officials.

Rifai was received upon arrival by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Dhuqan Al Hindawi and a number of ministers.

## Queen Mother opens charity bazaar

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother, Monday inaugurated an annual charity bazaar organised by diplomatic missions in Jordan in cooperation with the Um Al Hussein Orphanage.

Ladies from the diplomatic community and scores of orphans children from the orphanage were among those welcoming the Queen Mother upon her arrival at the Palace of Culture.

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A total of 19 diplomatic missions as well as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) took part in the exhibition. UNICEF displayed children's books, pamphlets and toys.

## PLO to declare independent state based on Resolution 181

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders have agreed to recommend the declaration of a Palestinian state and the Palestinian parliament-in-exile will probably make the declaration before the end of the month, a spokesman said Monday.

Jamil Hilal, director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Information Department, told Reuters the leaders, at meetings in Tunis since last Friday, have also decided that formation of a provisional government should wait till later.

The state would be based on

Resolution 181 (1947) of the United Nations Security Council, Hilal said.

The leaders, who include the 15-member PLO Executive Committee and the heads of the various PLO organisations, have not decided when and where the Palestine National Council (PNC) will meet.

"A lot of ground has been covered but it is not finalised... everything should be decided in two or three days," he said.

Hilal declined to say how far the statement was likely to go towards an explicit recognition of Israel.

On the idea of a provisional government-in-exile, he said the PNC would give its Central Council and the PLO Executive Committee a mandate to form it at the appropriate time.

Another PLO official said three members of the Executive Committee — Mahmoud Aftab, Abdullah Hourani and Yasser Abed Rabbo — had gone to Moscow for consultations with the Soviet leadership on the PLO's political initiative.

The Tunisian news agency TAP said Hani Al Hassan, political adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, went to Cairo Monday for similar consultations with Egypt.

An Israeli spokesman Monday derided the PLO decision to declare an independent state but Palestinians living in the occupied territories hailed the move.

"They can declare whatever they like, it won't change anything in our attitude," said

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### Development of independence, self-discipline in children

Amman Montessori Centre becomes the first to use Arabic as a medium of instruction

other countries including the United States, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Malawi, Zimbabwe, India, West Indies, Kenya, and Ireland.

Marks Evans, senior lecturer in charge of overseas training, has been in Amman since the beginning of September to oversee the start of the new centre.

"Amman will be the first of our centres to use Arabic as a medium of instruction. The staff of the Amman centre have developed formats to make equipment suitable for use in Arabic classrooms. All the language and mathematics material are now available in both Arabic and English," he said.

#### Maria Montessori and her legacy

Maria Montessori (1870-1952), was the first woman in Italy to become a Doctor of Medicine. In January 1906, as a favour to a friend, she took on an unlikely task for a woman of her profession and stature — setting up a facility for the care of children of poor industrial workers, in the reconstructed San Lorenzo area of Rome.

They were too young to go to school and were said to be vandalising the tenement building where they lived, while their parents were at work. The two young women she put in charge gave her astonishing reports of their reactions to educational apparatus placed at their disposal. (Originally designed for older mentally handicapped children).

Montessori's observations of these children, their needs and their potential gave birth to a philosophy and method of self-motivated, experience-oriented education known as the Montessori Method. Its influence on education in the twentieth century has been significant. Montessori was one of the first to recognise the absorbent minds and other unconscious powers of the young children and their value to the educational process.

The image of the child Montessori saw and presented to the world was that of a human being in the process of development, with a natural potential for spontaneous education.

Her conclusions were that early childhood development occurred according to universal patterns, and that it could be maximised by means of carefully prepared environment, manipulative didactic equipment and guidance from specially trained adults.

The typical Montessori classroom is structured to make the apparatus easily accessible to the children, so that they can choose their own activities, and move freely to carry them out and interact freely with their environment and people in it.

The ground rules for discipline in this system are based on respect for oneself, other people and things in the environment, and applies to both the children and the adults in the classroom



Separating things that sink from things that float.

"community."

The teachers act as guides, and are trained not only to present activities to the children but also to observe them closely. One of the hallmarks of the Montessori Method is the emphasis on the development of independence and self discipline in young children, which in turn builds up self-esteem and provides them with a basis to function within society.

Children in a Montessori classroom can be seen carrying out tasks pertaining to their everyday lives such as cutting vegetables, pouring, polishing shoes with real child sized implements, rather than pretending to do these tasks with toys.

Education through the senses is also an important part of the method. All the physical properties in the environment has been presented in scientifically designed apparatus that children find irresistible. These sensorial activities, while holding their immediate interest, also prepare them for writing, reading and mathematics, as well as social and environmental studies. They serve as a basis for creative expression.

These subjects are also presented through sensorial activities during the preschool years of 3-6, at the stage when children are most ready for the easy acquisition of written language, and math concepts. They are a part of the Montessori curriculum as an answer to the need that young children have to master these aspects of the world they live in.

Exiled from her native Italy by the Fascists for refusing to cooperate in their effort to indoctrinate children, Montessori travelled extensively, giving lectures and teacher training courses worldwide.

Her philosophy and method of education reflects Gandhian influence in its non-violence, community and cosmic consciousness, and a commitment to promoting world peace. She recognised the role of children and their education in the future of the world.

In an education that helps people develop a positive self concept and a respect for all the earth and its inhabitants, Montessori saw new hope in the war torn world of her day.

"The significance of the Montessori Method for today's world is that most countries are certainly aware of the need for pre-school education. Developing countries are in the process of formulating

curricula and deciding on the form of training for teachers, and are in most cases floundering, not knowing what to offer," Britton said. "Montessori happens to be a proven method. It has influenced every other type of preschool education. It applies to any culture, because it is based on a set of educational principles that relate to the universal as well as the cultural needs of children," Britton added.



A five-year-old "writes" with the movable alphabet.



Matching colours with the colour tablets.

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### Taking sculpture to the people

By a Jordan Times  
Staff Reporter

disciplines, and the public they are meant to serve, benefiting from the process."

"With the expansion of cities everywhere," Mrs. Zaru continues, "both upwards and outwards, architects, planners and developers have been operating sculpture as an integral part of their buildings, plazas and parks, the sculptor's vision being seen as a way of articulating and dramatising public spaces as well as adding a visual focal point. In response, particularly in the West, a new breed of sculptor has emerged capable of integrating an artist's work into contemporary urban spaces."

A graduate in Fine Arts from the American University of Beirut, Mrs. Zaru is an active and prolific artist whose work over the years has attracted international attention and earned her the invitation to speak at the conference. The theme of her talk centred on the development of the art movement in Palestine tracing its roots back as far as 1750 when a young stone carver from Bethlehem went to pursue his studies in Italy.

In her discussion of the more contemporary Palestinian artists, Mrs. Zaru showed slides of the work of the Badran brothers, Tawfic As-Sayed, Mohammad Samara, Hazem Zouhi, as well as demonstrating the influence of the sculptor, Kuram Nimri on the younger generation of artists. Mrs. Zaru also presented some of her own work.

The talk raised many questions from an interested audience and Mrs. Zaru was glad that through her, this part of the world had been represented at the conference. She spent the rest of the time at the three-day conference trying to attend as many of the other talks, exhibitions and events as possible, feeling that subject of Public Sculpture was of great importance.

"The topic is of vital concern to us all," Mrs. Zaru told the *Jordan Times*, "and particularly those concerned with environmental renewal and urban improvement. Some of the conclusions reached during the conference included the fact that architecture and art should work together in a fruitful collaboration, both in the meantime as one of the first sculptors to have her work erected in a public place — the family grouping outside the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani — Mrs. Zaru, with her boundless energy, will certainly make sure many more public sculptures will grace Jordan's cities in the near future."

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De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein Tel: 661757. Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).

Terrassa Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibeh, mass in Indian language, meet every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tel: 622366

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**KANAAN RECEIVES DIPLOMATS:** Minister of Supply Abdul Salam Kanaan met separately Monday with the Czechoslovak and Australian chargé d'affaires in Amman and discussed with them the prospect of exchanging Jordanian food supplies with their countries (Petra).

**BAQAA SUPPORT FOR SUDANESE:** A committee from the Baqaa district charged with taking measures to support the Sudanese people held a meeting Monday to discuss a campaign to spread awareness among the public on the need to help the Sudanese people in the light of the flood disaster in their country. A statement issued after the meeting said that a general fund-raising campaign will be launched Tuesday and the municipality will be in charge of forwarding the contributions to the National Jordanian Committee for Solidarity with Sudan (Petra).

**BOOK EXHIBITIONS:** A book exhibition opened Monday at the Karak community college, displaying 7,000 books on different topics. The week-long exhibition has been organised to benefit community college students and those of Mu'ta University and school students in the Karak Governorate (Petra).

**MADABA EXHIBITION:** A book exhibition organised by Al Khansaa Secondary School in Madaba and a number of local publishing houses was opened at Madaba Monday. On display for ten days is a collection of books on economic, political, social and cultural affairs. The proceeds of the book sales will help finance the setting up of a school library in Madaba (Petra).

**TEACHER TRAINING:** Matters related to teachers training in Zarqa Governorate were discussed Monday at a meeting grouping directors of education in Zarqa region. The Director of Education in Zarqa stressed the need for teachers to attend seminars and training courses which the Ministry of Education organises on a regular basis (Petra).

**QATANANI MEETS ENVOY:** Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director general of the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, Monday met the Japan's accredited ambassador in Jordan. They discussed Palestinian affairs in general, and the refugee situation and the current uprising in the occupied territories in particular (J.T.).

**HAMMOURI IN CAIRO:** Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri arrived in Cairo Sunday evening to attend the formal opening of the Egyptian Opera. Hammouri, who has been invited to the ceremony by his Egyptian counterpart Farouk Husni, is heading a team of Jordanian officials. Also arriving in Cairo Sunday evening was Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh to attend the ceremony at the invitation of Cairo Mayor Sabri Abu Taleb.

**2 NEW HEALTH CENTRES:** The Ministry of Health has established two health centres in Kuf Rakeb and Janin Al Safa and set up two mother and child care centres in Jadita and Kuf Al Maa in the Deir Al Sa'id district. The ministry has awarded a tender to a local contractor to set up an annex to the health centre of Abi Sa'id at the cost of JD 75,000 to expand the centre's services by including emergency, and maternal sections.

**ENVY MEETS SYRIAN LEADER:** Syrian Vice President Mohammad Zuhair Mashqah Monday discussed with Jordanian Ambassador in Damascus Nayef Al Hadid bilateral relations (Petra).

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Social Development Minister Dr. Fawaz Touqan Monday discussed with Tunisian Social Affairs Minister Tawfiq Sheikh Doha aspects of bilateral cooperation in the field of social service. They also reviewed the Jordanian and Tunisian experiences in the field of traditional industries in addition to providing job opportunities to rural families.

**KARAK CASTLE RESTORATION:** The Department of Antiquities has embarked on restoration work on the western wall of the Karak Castle. A local department official said that JD 3,000 will be spent on fencing off Shaqira archaeological site within the Karak region, during the current month (Petra).

## Kayed, Syrian minister discuss free zones

**DAMASCUS (Petra)** — Jordan Free Zone Corporation Director General Yasin Al Kayed Monday conferred in Damascus with Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammad Al Imadi. Kayed said the talks focused on reviewing bilateral cooperation in the field of free zones.

Kayed will tour the free zones in a number of Syrian cities so as to familiarise himself with the Syrian experience in the field of free zones and to discuss aspects of cooperation between the Jordanian and Syrian Free Zone Corporations.

## CAA to hold rescue exercises at airport

**AMMAN (Petra)** — An exercise on rescue operations during an emergency will be carried out at Amman Airport near Marka on Sunday, according to an announcement by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which is organising the event.

It said that rescue teams, which will be involved in operations involving a mock airliner's crash, include fire engines, first aid crews and groups from other concerned services from the airport authorities and those located in other parts of Amman.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ Book exhibition, at Yarmouk University, Irbid.
- ★ Chinese art exhibition, at the University of Jordan.
- ★ Art exhibition by Salameh Kana'an, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Photo exhibition, at the Jordanian Social Services Institute in Amman.
- ★ Exhibition: Drawings and watercolours of German romanticism, at the Goethe Institute.
- ★ Soviet book exhibition, at Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Photo exhibition on childhood and situation of children in times of war at the Mu'ab Charitable Association in Zarqa.
- ★ Lithography Art exhibition by Sonia Delaunay at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Book exhibition at the Karak Community College.
- ★ Book exhibition at the Khansa' Secondary School in Madaba.

### LECTURES

- ★ Lecture by Nelly Lama on the life and times of Sonia Delaunay in English and French at the French Cultural Centre at 6:00 p.m.

### VIDEO SHOWING

- ★ "The American Presidents — 80 Years on Camera" — Part two at the American Centre at 7:00 p.m.

★ Two video shows at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 5:30 p.m.

## Jeddah talks to focus on Islamic News Agency

**AMMAN (Petra)** — Jordan has taken part in a four-day meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to prepare for a general conference to be held in the Islamic information ministers which is due to open in the Saudi Arabian city Tuesday.

The Jordanian delegation to the preliminary meeting was led by Mr. Trad Al Fayed, Secretary General of the Ministry of Information who returned to Amman Monday.

The meeting has discussed an Islamic information strategy, a plan for information cooperation among Islamic nations, and ways to activate the Islamic News Agency, Fayed said in a statement.

Fayed was accompanied to the meeting by the directors of the Jordan News Agency, Petra and the censorship section at the Department of Press and Publications.

He said that means of promoting



Royal Scientific Society President Jawad Al Anani and the head of a visiting delegation from the Polish Academy of Science sign a cooperation agreement in Amman Monday (Petra photo)

## Jordan, Poland sign cooperation agreement

**AMMAN (Petra)** — Jordan and Poland Monday signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation, paving the way for an exchange of expertise in matters related to scientific research.

The memorandum also provides for joint organisation of seminars, conferences and workshops in science and technology, related to industry and agriculture as well as natural resources.

The memorandum was within the framework of a bilateral agreement signed in November 1977.

Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani and

the head of a visiting team from the Polish Academy of Science signed the agreement at the RSS in the presence of RSS and Polish officials.

Earlier, the Polish team visited Yarmouk University in Irbid and was briefed by its President, Mohammad Hamdan, on its programmes.

The team members were also taken on a tour of various faculties where they met deans and students, and watched a documentary film on the university's development.

## Irbid Municipality marks Arab Child Week

**IRBID (Petra)** — Irbid Municipality held ceremonies Monday to celebrate the Arab Child Week. The events included exhibitions of children's books and drawings.

A group of children presented a performance of Tae Kwon Do and national songs and dances at the Irbid National Park.

Another exhibition of chil-

dren's books was opened at the Children's Club where also a scout camp was held for children's activities.

Irbid Mayor Abdul Razzaq Tabeibas and Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan were among an audience of notables attending the activities.

## 146 families added on list of National Aid Fund

**AMMAN (Petra)** — The National Aid Fund last month added 146 families to a list of needy people receiving regular monthly assistance, and paid them a total of JD 2,879, according to NAF Director General Khalil Al Fa'ouri.

Fa'ouri said that each of the needy families receive up to JD 40, depending on their condition.

A total of 1,388 such families were added to the list of needy people, qualifying them for monthly assistance since the beginning of 1988, according to Fa'ouri.

He said that the NAF, which currently helps some 8,000 needy families in Jordan, last month offered emergency lump sum assistance to 50 needy families at the rate of JD 100 each, and had spent JD 10,930 on vocational training for heads of nine months.

Nearly 20 specialists from seven Arab states in addition to some from Arab and international organisations will take part in the coming meeting to review a draft statute for the proposed body as prepared by a special committee formed by the QAF, and to endorse the first step towards the body's establishment, Abdul Jaber noted.

"Once initiated, the proposed body is bound to play a major role in enabling Arab women to contribute more effectively to development," Abdul Jaber added.

The body, he said, will be entrusted with the task of introducing new legislation pertaining to Arab women through contacts with decision-makers and other concerned authorities in Arab countries.

The three-day event will be attended by 50 scholars and historians as well as specialists in Islamic art from Arab, Islamic and foreign countries.

## Islamic hospital reduces operation, delivery charges

**AMMAN (J.T.)** — The Islamic hospital has reduced its operation and delivery charges by no less than 40 per cent according to Al Dustour Arabic daily.

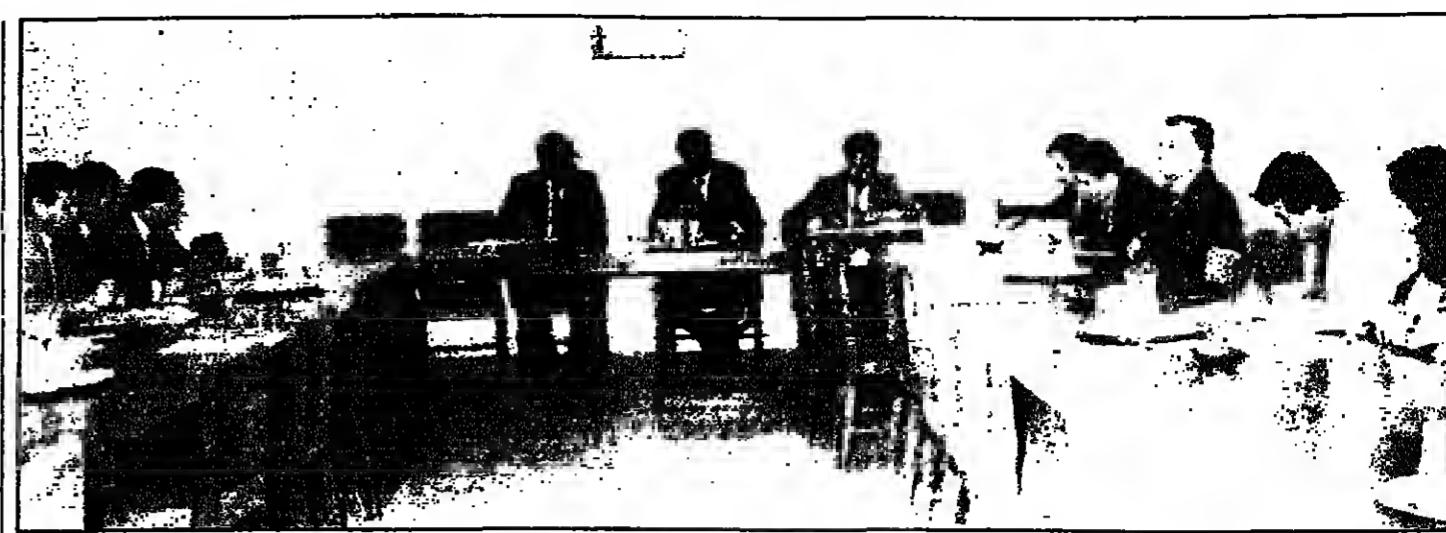
Current fees are as follows: JD 110 for first class, JD 80 for second class, and JD 50 for Third Class. Previous fees were JD 160, JD 110, JD 75 respectively.

He expressed hope that concerned doctors would reduce burdens on the citizens instead of protesting the decision which is considered in their favour.

He said the preliminary meeting will be attended by representatives from the Ministry of Labour, the Higher Council of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education and the University of Jordan.

The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, President of the QAF's board of trustees.

**FOREST TREES:** The Agricultural Department in Tafdeh district has prepared 750 dunums of land to be planted with 53,000 forest trees in the current agricultural season.



Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud chairs a meeting of the council in charge of the National Centre for Research and the Transfer of Technology in Amman Monday (Petra photo)

## Ministry to promote research in agricultural development

**AMMAN (Petra, J.T.)** — The Ministry of Agriculture Monday announced new measures designed to promote scientific research to help give impetus to agricultural development in the Kingdom, and formed three committees to help carry out these measures.

A council in charge of the National Centre for Research and the Transfer of Technology (NCRTT), which is affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture, announced the formation of a technical, research evaluation and extension committees which will be charged with drawing up research programmes, assessing research results in order to determine the feasibility of their application, and to recommend priorities to the council for prompt action in agricultural matters.

The council's meeting was held under the chairmanship of Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud who said the council was set up in order to unify the efforts of all authorities concerned with the agricultural sector.

Many agricultural problems in the past years emanated from the presence of different bodies conducting agricultural research programmes, and the government has felt the need for unifying the research effort and drawing up a sound agricultural strategy for researchers under a unified body," the minister noted in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

He said the council was maintaining its coordination and cooperation with the Higher Council of Science and Technology (HCST), which is the official department that undertakes the task of directing and controlling the Kingdom's science and technology policies.

Hmoud said the council of ministers had decided on the

formation of the NCRTT's council which groups representatives of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, secretaries general of the Ministries of Agriculture and Planning and the deans of the faculties of agriculture at the University of Jordan and the Jordan University of Science and Technology.

The statement recommended that a data bank be set up and an institutional groundwork be laid down to control national research work.

It also recommended that a plan should be worked out to develop the skill of Jordanian researchers as soon as possible, and that a workshop be organised to study a working paper which aims to corroborate ties of cooperation among farmers benefitting from the research work.

Hmoud, who had opened the seminar, said in a speech that Jordan's current 1986-1990 five-year development plan strives to increase the country's annual income from agriculture from JD 97 million to JD 138 million, taking the Kingdom further towards self sufficiency in food production.

### Data bank

Coinciding with the Ministry of Agriculture's announcement a statement was issued in Amman Monday summing up recommendations and resolutions taken

## Jordan, Egypt to boost bilateral cooperation in information field

**CAIRO (Petra)** — Jordan and Egypt Monday concluded talks here designed to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of information.

The talks, conducted by Minister of Information Hani Khasawneh and his Egyptian counterpart Safwat Al Sharif, resulted in agreement on bilateral cooperation in exchanging television news and television programmes and in marketing television programmes.

The two sides also pledged that Jordan and Cairo radio stations will exchange radio programmes during the holy month of Ramadan to be broadcast simultaneously by Sawt Al Arab station of Cairo and Radio Jordan Arabic Service. These, they said, should be comedy and historical programmes.

The two sides also agreed that Jordan and Cairo radio stations will exchange weekly messages featuring reports on both countries' activities in tourism, social affairs and cultural affairs.

According to a statement issued at the end of the meetings, the two sides will exchange training of personnel from either country in radio broadcasting, and will provide each other with information and expertise related to radio work and radio transmission.

They will also coordinate matters to expand radio and television coverage to southern Jordan, Aqaba, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The two ministers agreed that their two countries will coordinate their positions at international organisations which organise the broadcasting frequencies for different countries and regions.

The two ministers agreed that personnel from Egypt and Jordan should benefit from training facilities in either country on regular basis.

On Tuesday Khasawneh is to head the Jordanian delegation to the Islamic information ministers' meeting in Jeddah. He will be accompanied by a number of senior officials from Jordanian information departments.



Hamzeh inspects Madaba health services

Health Minister Dr. Zaid Hamzeh Monday inspected Madaba Health Department, Jamil Al Tutunji Hospital, Madaba Health Centre, and the first eastern quarter health centre in Madaba. Hamzeh was briefed on the department's achievements.

**DUTCH PROBE EXTENT OF ISLAMIC OCCUPATION AT TELL ABU SARBAT**

**AMMAN (J.T.)** — In early 1988

a Dutch excavation team worked during 5 weeks on Tell Abu Sarbat, located approximately 3 kilometres northwest of Deir Alla in the central Jordan Valley.

Aim of this preliminary season was to investigate the extent of Islamic occupation on the site and to determine the feasibility of further excavations in 1989 and 1990. The reason to start this investigation is the following:

From historical sources we know that the Jordan Valley was, at times, an important economic area during the Islamic periods. In the Umayyad and Abbasid periods, the Jordan Valley during the Ayyubid and Mamluk periods, also the development of the Ayyubid and Mamluk periods, indicate a long occupation. Under the Islamic period, remains from an earlier Byzantine period were attested.

Because the 1988 season was a preliminary first season, it is too early to draw any conclusions. We expect, however, based on this season, that Tell Abu Sarbat will yield much material remains from the Islamic period and will provide us with new insights into that period in the Jordan Valley.

During the Islamic period, to trace the development of it and to see whether any conclusions can be drawn about its relationship with the area around and cities nearby.

During the first season, foundations of walls, floors, pits and courtyard layers were found. Large amounts of sherds, mainly from the Umayyad and Ayyubid-Mamluk periods, indicate a long occupation. Under the Islamic period, remains from an earlier Byzantine period were attested.

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### Reservoirs of confidence

THE meeting of representatives of 15 Arab countries and international financial organisations which opened here Monday to discuss financing the projected Al Wahdah Dam on the Jordanian-Syrian border is a cause for celebration by all Arabs. Al Wahdah, the name of dam to be constructed at Maqaren, connotes unity and cooperation between Arab states, and the realisation of this Arab dream represents the kind of tangible infrastructure for Arab cooperation and coordination that all Arabs, especially Jordanians and Syrians, have sought for many decades.

We deem such confidence-building measures as the Al Wahdah Dam as among the principal operational steps on the road to Arab unity. The Arab nation has been seeking unity and cooperation for many generations now but all passed efforts were essentially politically oriented. After many decades of efforts to unify the Arab world, we know that the realisation of Arab goals must take the path of building piece by piece the infrastructure of these lofty aspirations.

We view the construction of Al Wahdah Dam as the kind of measure that will enhance the prospects for an eventual overall Arab unity. The estimated 120 million dollars cost of the dam will go a long way to bring Arab cooperation and coordination closer to the level that has remained elusive for much too long. The modest millions of dollars that will be spent on the project is the kind of investment in the Arab cause that should have begun a long time ago. Likewise the anticipated six and a half square kilometres reservoir of the dam will prove to be the sort of good will reservoir that will irrigate not only thousands of farm lands on both sides of the Syrian-Jordanian border but also quench the Arab thirst for concrete steps towards joint Arab action.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Jordanian Arabic dailies Monday tackled the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab territories, Jordanian-Egyptian relations and the Gulf issue. For its part, Al Ra'i daily said that Israel's acts of intimidation and terrorism have not affected the Palestinian people's revolt which is now in its 11th month. The past 10 months, it said, have witnessed heavy sacrifices by the Palestinians as the Israelis continue to kill or detain thousands of youth and continue to escalate repression. The past months have proved to the world that the Palestinians will not capitulate and can by no means stop the struggle until their rights have been re-established, the paper noted. The paper expressed the view that the Palestinians should further step up their revolt and the Arab nation should extend to them all possible help in the face of Shamir's continued threats to subdue the will of the oppressed people and to continue the repression. It said: "Occupation cannot last for ever; and the lost land and rights will eventually return to their lawful owners."

Al Dustour daily referred to His Majesty King Hussein's message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as part of the on-going consultations between the leaderships of the two countries with regard to national causes and the current situation in the Middle East. King Hussein is keen on maintaining and intensifying his consultations and coordination with Egypt which plays a major role in Arab affairs and which had been offering heavy sacrifice in the course of defending the Arab homeland, the paper noted. King Hussein has displayed Jordan's appreciation of Egypt's role by maintaining strong relations with the Egyptian people through bilateral agreements and joint ventures in all fields, the paper added.

Sawt Al Shabab Arabic daily commented on the clear contradiction in the statements of Iranian leaders with regard to war and peace with Iraq. Iran's foreign minister has announced that agreement with Iraq has been reached on ending the current deadlock at the Geneva talks, at a time when reports quoted Iran's Parliament Speaker Rafsanjani as declaring that his country was mobilising its forces and acquiring chemical weapons. It is clear, said the paper, that Iran is bidding for time and preparing for war rather than peace since it remains adamant at the Geneva meetings and refuses any Iraqi proposal for a lasting peace. The paper said that the Iranian leaders had to accept a ceasefire last August in view of their repeated defeats in the battlefield and under pressure from the domestic front. It added: "The Iranians seem to be still obsessed with dreams of imperial power and guided by the desire to invade Arab territory."

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

#### Election bravado

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily believes that Israel's relations with the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular will remain an essential element in the on-going Israeli campaign preceding the parliamentary elections. This has been imposed on the Israelis in view of the Palestinian uprising and since the two major parties are determined to continue to outbid one another not only in words but also in dealing with the Palestinians in a manner that would secure for them more votes in next month's elections, the writer Ibrahim Sakkijha says. Sakkijha says that in the time between now and the elections one should not be surprised if the Israelis resort to further repressive measures like driving the Palestinians out of their homeland en masse. One should not be surprised also to see the Israelis creating tension along their borders with the Arab countries and launching new invasions into Arab lands, he adds. Sakkijha is of the view that since the Americans are also involved in their own election campaigns, no blame will be directed from Washington against the Israelis if their generals step up campaigns against the Palestinians under their rule or against the neighbouring Arab states.

## The scope of collaboration

By Dr. Souad Dajani

In the second of three articles, Dr. Souad Dajani of the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University, outlines the terms of the Israeli-South African relationship.

THE RELATIONSHIP between these two countries was launched officially in 1976, following the visit of South Africa's Prime Minister Vorster to Israel. During this visit the two countries reached an agreement to collaborate in three main military areas: conventional arms trade, nuclear technology and counterinsurgency. We should keep in mind that these areas (especially the military) are, in June Hunter's words, "shrouded in secrecy" and subject to "tight [Israeli] government censorship and careful phraseology. Published figures, which omit diamonds, uranium and arms sales, reveal a very minor trade relationship. Hunter points out that actual economic transactions are thought to be five times the published figures and that Israel may well be South Africa's most important economic partner, even when omitting arms sales.

By 1976, it became imperative for South Africa to have access to arms, since first Britain (1974) and then France (1975) had joined in upholding the arms embargo. It is not surprising that much of the 1976 Vorster visit to Israel revolved around major deals regarding military cooperation between the two regimes. These included agreements on the development, production and sale of weapons, personnel training, intelligence and counterinsurgency cooperation, and, of special importance to Israel, nuclear collaboration. At this time, South Africa also committed itself to help in financing several Israeli defence projects and provide much-needed steel to manufacture armour for various Israeli weapons systems.

Like Israel, one of South Africa's major aims in acquiring weapons and technology was to enable it to become gradually

planned helicopter.

South African-Israeli military collaboration is especially vital to what both perceive as their "security" needs and to promote swift and effective counterinsurgency and intelligence-gathering operations. Israel has provided South Africa with many of the devices proven effective in its own counterinsurgency and intelligence efforts against the PLO and other "enemies" along its borders.

In addition to training South African military and intelligence forces, Israel helped South Africa set up a border police force equipped with Israeli night sights, microwave protection, detection systems, electronic fences and other necessary devices. Moreover, Israel contributes to the sup-

plausible, so completely did each country meet the other's needs.

By 1977, reports had circulated stating that South African enriched uranium was being exchanged for Israeli nuclear technology. In spite of this close cooperation, however, there were still certain imperatives that had to be achieved. One was to keep abreast of all the latest technological developments in this field and the other was to test the weapons that were being developed.

With regard to the former, there are a few disputed instances where large amounts of enriched uranium were "lost" from the United States and Europe and found their way to Israel. Hunter maintains that the Israeli government recruited the

Israelis to have been covered up by the Carter administration. It is also believed that Israel's most recent nuclear missile, the Jericho II, which can reach as far as the Soviet Union and distant Arab capitals, was also tested in South Africa.

#### Economic Relations between Israel and South Africa

In addition to expanding military and nuclear ties, the 1976 Vorster visit to Israel resulted also in increased economic cooperation between the two countries.

With the threat of new restrictive economic sanctions to add to the existing arms embargo against South Africa, this state sought desperately for an easy outlet for its goods and the means to acquire the necessary arms and technology.

There are reports that during the "secret" Israeli trade delegation's visit to South Africa in August 1986, an agreement was concluded to provide South Africa with the "economic lifelines" to enable it to bypass international sanctions through "fronts" such as Israel and Taiwan.

Although figures for arms and diamonds are not published in trade statistics, South Africa reaps vast profits from its diamond trade with Israel, while Israel benefits arms sales to South Africa.

#### Joint ventures

Joint ventures between Israel and South Africa are rather extensive and include a wide range of both military and economic concerns, affording South Africa the opportunity to take advantage of Israel's free trade agreements with the European Economic Community (1975) and to use it as a "springboard" to channel South African products on to the EEC and the United States.

Two aspects of Israeli-South African relations remain to be described. These concern the extent of the American connection in the Israeli-South African alliance and more specifically, the opportunities provided both states by Israel's privileged trade status with the United States and Europe.

American-Arab Affairs

### Zionism and White Supremacy—the strategic links

port of South Africa's racist apartheid system and "Bantustan" policy by collaborating in areas of internal security and counterinsurgency in the "Bantustans" themselves.

#### Nuclear collaboration

Although this area has been shrouded in total secrecy, many researchers agree that nuclear collaboration is one of the cornerstones of the Israeli-South African alliance. Neither state has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and both deny actually possessing nuclear weapons. With the tightening arms embargo around South Africa, and Israel's increased difficulty in obtaining legally and openly all the uranium it required, an alliance between South Africa and Israel was in

Mossad itself to monitor developments in the nuclear field around the world and acquire all the latest techniques for Israel. In a more recent incident, Israel illegally obtained 800 kryotrons (devices of triggers for detonating nuclear weapons) from the United States. It appears that the same dealer who acquired these kryotrons for Israel was an Israeli who had previously been involved in arms transfers between South Africa and Israel.

The second consideration for both Israel and South Africa is not simply to possess the capability of manufacturing nuclear weapons but to make sure that these weapons work. It is widely believed that the explosion that took place off South Africa in 1979 was precisely such a test. For a variety of reasons this

### Le Monde's irreverent caricaturist courted by his victims

By Michel Wrong  
Reuter

PARIS — Most French ministers would give their eye teeth to be able to take Le Monde's caricaturist Jean Plantu to lunch.

The baby-faced cartoonist, who lampoons the powerful in his daily sketches in the respected French daily newspaper, tells of ardent courtship by politicians hoping to win his friendship and blunt the sharpness of his pen.

"There's one who keeps ringing up and asking me for lunch — I know that my drawings upset him and he's trying to win me over," Plantu, whose real name is Jean Palntureux, told Reuters in an interview.

But the 37-year-old artist, whose child-like simple sketches are the only illustrations accepted on the paper, prefers not to meet his victims for fear of losing his critical edge.

"Take Chirac for example," says Plantu, referring to former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who has made it known that he detests the sketches in which he is regularly portrayed foaming hysterically at the mouth.

"He's probably a nice guy. Maybe if I met him I'd take him and I'd end up falling into his arms... I'm scared of flirting with politicians and losing my bite."

Growing to love your characters is potential hazard for the professional satirist.

"I fell into my own trap with (Raymond) Barre," said Plantu, referring to the centrist leader, also a former prime minister. "One particularly biting sketch, drawn after a car bomb set by Basque separatists in Saragossa claimed 11 lives last year, shows two guerrillas walking away from

tutes — he became quite sweet and I got fond of him... now a lot of people accuse me of being a Barrist."

"I told you so"

He depicts Barre as a smug medieval doctor in long black coat and hat, keen to submit France to some foul medical purgative, while telling his critics: "I told you so."

Some likenesses are particularly difficult to capture. Plantu cites Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard as a very tricky subject, despite his striking hawk-like profile.

"There are two things I hate and I try to fight against in my cartoons — violence and hypocrisy."

Although he admits to being on the left of the political spectrum, Plantu spares neither left nor right in his sketches, aiming his barbs equally at the French government's crack-down on Kanak rebels in the South Pacific territory of New Caledonia or the latest separatist bombing in Corsica.

One particularly biting sketch, drawn after a car bomb set by Basque separatists in Saragossa claimed 11 lives last year, shows two guerrillas walking away from

the bloody wreckage.

"What really upsets me is this feeling of not being understood," says one hooded gunman to the other.

Another, reprinted in his most recent book, shows a Palestinian boy bouncing a feeble pebble off the helmets of two soldiers on board an Israeli tank. "I told you they were all terrorists," comments one soldier.

#### Death threats

Plantu has got used to receiving death threats from guerrilla groups fighting for Corsican or Basque autonomy.

He has been known as "Plantu" ever since he was a gifted schoolboy whose greatest ambition in life was to grow up to be like humorous French cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempe.

But his parents wouldn't hear of it, so he agreed to study medicine.

He says he owes his career to Chantal Meyer, then his girlfriend and now his wife, who joined the same medical course with one aim — to interrupt his studies and force him to follow his artistic inclinations.

After two years he had done so badly he was thrown off the course. He promptly married Chantal, quarrelled with his parents and moved to Brussels to start working in the comic strip industry.

Having no qualifications is no disadvantage for the political cartoonist, says Plantu — in fact it's a prerequisite.

"It's such a hard career to get into, you have to knock on so many doors, that if you had any other kind of qualifications at all you'd do something else. Ninety per cent of cartoonists have no diplomas of any kind."

Many of his readers would say that after 16 years at Le Monde the left-wing rebel is starting to occupy shaggy ground — his prime front page spot and ardent following have made him an integral part of the establishment he sets out to attack.

But Plantu claims that if he disappeared tomorrow no-one would notice the difference.

"One month maybe and then someone else would come along and I'd be forgotten."



"An elector getting ready to decide a burning issue — New Caledonia." Awry look at contemporary issues.

By Michael Gelb  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — After weeks of searching for an issue to arouse U.S. voters in the Nov. 8 presidential election, Michael Dukakis has seized on the shortcomings of Republican vice-presidential nominee Dan Quayle.

The Democratic presidential candidate hopes last week's debate between Quayle and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen has opened the way for a new assault on the wisdom of his Republican opponent, George Bush.

"This was the first presidential decision that George Bush and I had to make," Dukakis said as he warmed to his new theme a day after the debate. "Judge us by the way we made it and who we chose. Ask yourself which one of us fulfilled his presidential obligation in making that decision."

The Dukakis campaign rushed out two television advertisements asking voters to consider whether they would be comfortable with Quayle, a 41-year-old senator from Indiana, sitting in the Oval Office.

"One in five American vice presidents has had to rise to the duties of commander-in-chief," a narrator says in one as the camera pans over photographs of Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford being sworn in as president.

"For that job, after five months of reflection, George Bush made his personal choice: J. Danforth Quayle."

"Hopefully, we will never know how great a lapse of judgment that really was."

"Quayle-bashing may prove critical to Dukakis's chances in the election. He has lost a large lead in opinion polls and now trails Bush narrowly — in part because he has lacked a consistent and compelling campaign message."

"He has shown no discipline on

the issues, it's a different issue every day," Republican strategist Peter Teeley said of Dukakis.

"Bush gives a little new stuff every day for the press to write about, but his message is the same — Dukakis is too far to the left."

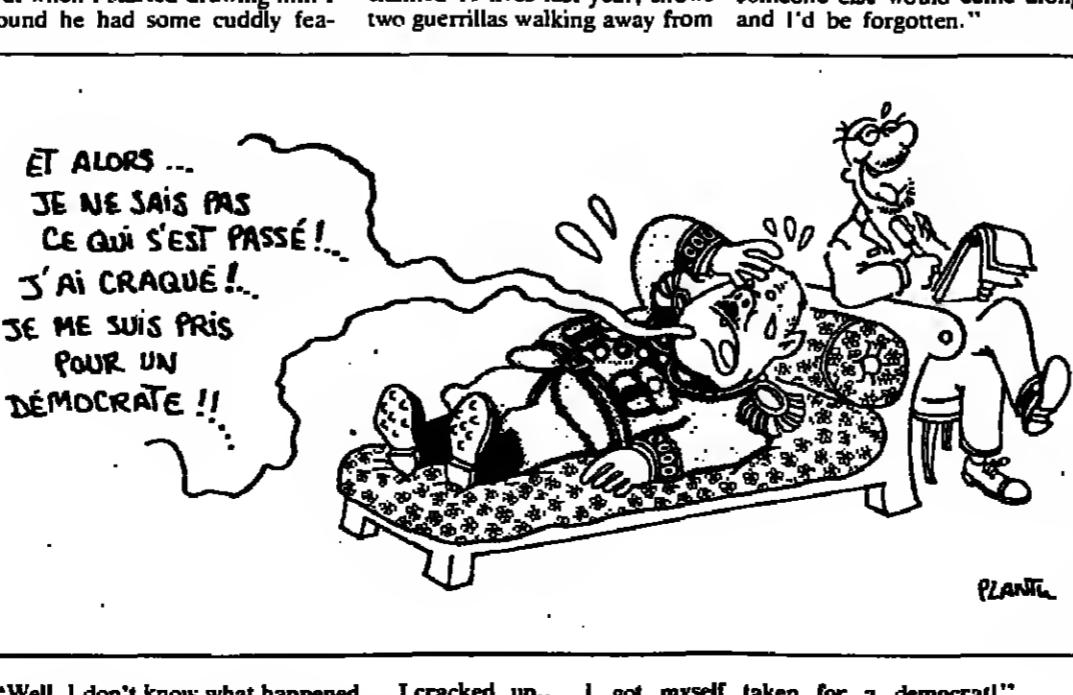
Quayle has been dogged by charges he is an intellectual and political lightweight who used family influence in 1969 to win a spot in the home-based National Guard to avoid combat duty in Vietnam.

Polls have consistently shown that large numbers of voters doubt his qualifications to assume the presidency if a President Bush were to die or become incapacitated.

Quayle avoided major blunders in his clash with Bentsen and polls say he eased the anxieties of some voters. But they also say Bentsen was overwhelmingly rated the winner and about half the voters still doubt Quayle's abilities.

Dukakis has also been trying to raise doubts about Bush's judgment in backing the Iran arms deal and by linking the Republican vice-president to Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, who is under U.S. indictment on drug charges.

But the judgment issue, as well as denunciations of President Reagan for "squeezing" the middle class and conducting an "illegal" war in Central America, is still going on," he said. Against the unknown chance of Quayle or Bentsen having to take over, "it's a 100 per cent chance that either George Bush or Michael Dukakis is going to be president," he added.



## Shamir campaigns on vow of violence

DIMONA (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir drew cheers from a crowd in this working class town by vowing to use more force to quell the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories if he is reelected.

He said Sunday he would never agree to an independent Palestinian state. Shamir said he would seek other ways of reaching peace with the Arabs.

He told the AP he would propose peace talks with Arabs on the basis of an "autonomy" plan outlined in a 1979 treaty with Egypt.

The idea has been rejected by Palestinians, but Shamir said he would pursue it because "whoever wants to propose something the Arabs will accept, has to say goodbye to the state of Israel."

"I will initiate and attempt to persuade," Arab states to negotiate by this plan, Shamir said. "If they say no outright, I won't be deterred."

Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Bloc, spoke after being flown by army helicopter to the Naqib desert, where he campaigned for five hours in three towns, including Dimona.

Dimona is a Likud stronghold whose residents are mostly of Sephardi origin. Sephardi Israelis make up a large percentage of the country's disadvantaged and have long enjoyed more political influence in Likud than in Labour.

At an election rally later in the day before 3,000 supporters, Shamir issued a call for tough treatment of Palestinian protesters.

Waving a fist in the air, Shamir unleashed attacks on Labour party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, his main rival in the Nov. 1 parliamentary election.

Shamir warred that Peres' "conciliatory" approach to the Arabs "is liable to bring us the greatest tragedy."

"If Likud wins, the Arabs will understand, there is no more hope for an international conference or a Palestinian state," Shamir said. "They'll see they have to hold dialogue with the Likud and that we are ready for negotiations, without preconditions."

"Conceding (territory) would mean returning to our choking borders of 1967," Shamir said. "Whoever withdraws from (the West Bank and Gaza), opens the door to a Palestinian state headed by Yasser Arafat."

A Palestinian state, he said, "would be a trap. Every country would come to its aid — America, the Soviet Union, Europe — there would be war forever."

Shamir also promised to crush the uprising.

He warned supporters against disrupting Labour Party rallies, after two Likud fans nearly broke up three Labour rallies this week, heckling Peres and calling him a traitor. In one town, Likud backers sprayed water from hoses at Labour rallyists Saturday.

Another rally was disrupted Sunday when Peres toured the lower class Tel Aviv neighbourhood of Kfar Shalem, Israel television reported. Labour reportedly planned to protest the violence to the central elections committee Monday.

The election campaign has grown tense largely over charged emotions generated by the uprising in the disrupted territories and because public opinion polls show both large parties at a virtual deadlock.

One of the victims of the latest Israeli policy of inflicting injuries on as many Palestinians as possible through the use of plastic bullets.



## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Prince Nayef urges Islamic fight against drugs

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz urged Islamic countries' information ministers Monday to fight drugs in their countries. In a statement ahead of a meeting in Jeddah of the ministers from the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Prince Nayef said: "I would like to take this opportunity to urge information ministers of the Islamic countries to do whatever possible to fight this disease (drugs)."

### Egypt: Libya to blame for continued hostility

KHARTOUM (AP) — Visiting Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki Sunday poured cold water on Sudanese efforts to reconcile Egypt with Libya. Speaking at a news conference at the end of a two-day visit here, Sedki blamed Libya for a continued rift with his country that began in 1972 when late President Anwar Sadat rejected a bid by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to merge the two countries into one. "Egypt has more than once accepted these mediations but they fail because of reasons for which Egypt was not responsible."

### Locust swarms intensify in Sahel states

ROME (R) — A new generation of desert locust are swarming across the Sahel countries of the Maghreb despite intensified control measures, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Monday. Director General Edouard Saouma said in a statement continuing rainfall had created highly favourable breeding conditions but up to now serious damage to crops had largely been prevented. Small swarms have been reported in Algeria but most of the movement has been southwards, threatening Nigeria, Burkina Faso,

"We can not deny its existence and expansion among people of the Islamic World." The two-day meeting of Islamic information ministers — the first of its kind — is to coordinate information policies among the 46 members of the OIC. Prince Nayef said in June that drug smuggling cases had fallen by 40 per cent in the kingdom after it introduced capital punishment for drug offences in March last year.

Sedki said with Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mabdi on his side. "Egypt has not always been ready to accept the views of Libya," Sedki added without elaboration. Sudan and some other Arab and African countries have previously attempted unsuccessfully to mend fences between the two neighbours. Reconciling Egypt with Libya and Syria was one of the topics on Sedki's agenda of talks with Muhammed and other Sudanese officials but Sedki made no reference to Syria in his comments.

south central Chad and Mali. Locusts have already reached Gambia and Cape Verde and in Senegal they caused severe damage to rice crops. Widespread breeding has occurred in northern Ethiopia and swarms have reached Djibouti and northern Somalia where a state of emergency was declared last week, FAO said. Swarms forming in Sudan and Ethiopia are likely to move either to winter breeding areas on the Red Sea coast or to the Horn of Africa, it added.

### Jordan outlines Al Wihdah Dam project

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Monday's meeting that the dam reservoir would have a total capacity of 225 million cubic metres and a usable storage of 195 million cubic metres annually.

### PLO to declare state

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media adviser, Avi Pazner.

"We expect nothing from the PLO. We don't ask anything and we won't give them anything," he told Reuters.

Aides to both Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said a Palestinian declaration of independence a few days before Israel's Nov. 1 general election would probably help Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc at the polls.

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were mostly elated by the news and said a declaration of independence coupled with a new political programme would give a major boost to their 10-month-old uprising.

The water, he said, would irrigate an additional 3,500 hectares in the Jordan Valley, supply 50 million cubic metres of water a year to the Greater Amman area and irrigate approximately 500 hectares in the highlands using return flow from the municipal

and industrial water supply to Amman.

It will also generate an average of 18,800 megawatt per hour of electricity a year and add 3.6 megawatts of dependable capability to the national electricity system.

The project, Kanaan added, will make it possible for agricultural production in the valley to be maintained at the level anticipated after completion of the conversion to a pressure pipe distribution system which is presently being built. In addition, he said, a major supply of domestic water will be made available for use in the major urban centres at a time when alternative supply sources are only available at a much greater cost.

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## 'Shamir ordered killing of 12 Stern members'

TEL AVIV (AP) — A published report said Sunday Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ordered the execution of more than a dozen of his brothers-in-arms in an underground Jewish terrorist group during the British mandate of Palestine.

The militant underground group, known as the Stern Gang and by its Hebrew acronym Lehi, carried out terrorist acts to undermine British rule in Palestine.

Shamir was a member of Lehi's three-man leadership after British police shot and killed Avraham Stern, the group's founder, in 1942.

The group is known to have carried out a number of assassinations, with the victims including some of its own members.

In 1948, Lehi guerrillas shot dead Swedish U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte.

"Shamir gave an order to kill more than a dozen of Lehi members whom Lehi leadership viewed as traitors," historian Yosef Heller of Jerusalem's Hebrew University said in an interview published by a Jerusalem weekend newspaper, Kol HaIr.

Heller, who based the assertion on his forthcoming book, "The Lehi: From Radical Right to National-Bolshevism," did not elaborate.

Shamir denied the allegations through a spokesman, who termed the statements "lies from A to Z."

Shamir also denied he ever discussed Lehi cooperation with Nazi Germany. Avraham Stern was considering such an alliance in his diplomatic mission in Berlin in 1940.

The Bernadotte assassination, Heller said in the interview, was carried out because Lehi "hoped to impress Josef Stalin that Jewish pre-state settlement was fighting against Anglo-American imperialism."

## Hoss rejects call for federal system

BEIRUT (AP) — Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss warned Monday that partitioning Lebanon into sectarian mini-states would trigger endless wars among feuding factions.

"I challenge the advocates of federalisation or partition to draw up the borders of their cantons. This cannot be done," Hoss told the Associated Press.

He was responding to an earlier statement by Samir Geagea, leader of the main rightist militia, that federalisation was the only practical way to end the deadlock over presidential elections and Lebanon's 13-year civil war.

"Political decentralisation or federalisation will not, as some imagine, bring an end to the state of war, but will kindle an endless war on the borders of the cantons," Hoss said.

"It will also lead to endless wars in the streets, alleys, hills, villages and towns," Hoss warned.

Lebanon has been without a president since Sept. 23, when President Amin Gemayel's six-year term ended.

Parliament failed to convene before Gemayel's exit to vote in a successor. Rightists boycotted

The South Lebanon (SLA) patrol fought the gun battle for half an hour with machineguns and rocket launcher. The ambush near the Lebanese town of Jezzine SLA radio Voice of the

Jezzine is located in Israel's self-declared "zone" in South Lebanon held by the SLA which patrols the border strip with Israel's army.

During a separate raid, the SLA handed power to Army commander Michel Aoun, naming him the caretaker prime minister of a six-man military cabinet.

But all three Muslim officers appointed by the decree refused to take up their posts and the Muslim community declared allegiance to Hoss' incumbent government.

### SLA claim

In South Lebanon, a militia radio station said two guerrillas were killed and an Israeli-backed militiaman wounded Monday when gunmen ambushed a militia patrol defusing an explosive device.

Moscow has accused Britain of breaching the Geneva Accords by increasing its military presence in the region and has threatened to review its troop pullout if this did not cease.

Moscow appeared to be acting on a new Pakistani government due to be elected after the death of President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq in a plane crash in August, under pressure from the Mujahideen.

Diplomats said a Soviet withdrawal ahead of the Feb. 15 deadline would remove the Mujahideen's main enemy, Pakistan.

With little fighting in the provinces bordering Pakistan, there would be pressure from refugees in Pakistan to go home to restart their lives. They might decide to go with a large enough number to weaken the Mujahideen.

The diplomats said it is easy to underestimate the forces loyal to the PDS who feared the Mujahideen.

## Kabul jittery as deadline nears for Soviet pullout

By Michael Battye  
Reuter

KABUL — Rocket attacks and supply shortages are making residents of Kabul jittery, but most diplomats expect Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan ahead of schedule.

Four months before the promised departure of the last of the Soviet troops who have supported the government for nine years, few residents of the Afghan capital appear confident of the prospects for peace.

While bustling bazaars, noisy traffic and daily weddings make the city seem normal during the day, after curfew at night Kabul is a ghost town, with only military vehicles on the streets.

"We are afraid all the time. We are afraid of the men in uniform. We are afraid of the rockets," said one man who would not give his name.

Some commodities like sugar have disappeared from the market over the last few days and other basics such as flour have shot up in price. The Mujahideen rebels fighting the

government have cut the road to Pakistan and Western diplomats said people were hoarding goods in case this happens again in the winter.

Nearly all diplomats are convinced that the Soviet troops will pull out before the Feb. 15 deadline set in the April Geneva accords signed by Kabul and Islamabad.

They said all the troops might even return home before January and February snows make it hard to move heavy military equipment through high mountain passes.

If no peace has been agreed by spring, the rebels could cut roads to the capital, limit air supplies by the use of missiles, and step up rocket attacks.

Five people died in such attacks in Kabul and a village of southern Kandahar province at the weekend, according to Kabul Radio.

One diplomat said the Soviet Union was waging an intensive effort to secure peace in the hope that the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) could be preserved, preferably in a coalition government.

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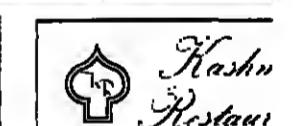
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## Jordan, Pakistan study joint phosphate project

By Salameh B. Ne'matt  
Jordan Times economic correspondent

JAN — The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (C) is considering a joint venture with Pakistan in the building of a phosphate plant in Hyderabad. Jordanian rock phosphate and phosphoric JPMC Director-General Wasef Azar has announced. He told the Jordan Times the joint venture was expected to cost between \$50-\$70 million.

MC delegation held talks project in Pakistan last week and the company is now in the technical and economic feasibility of the project. The plant is designed to produce super phosphate and diammonium phosphate (DAP). The joint Jordanian company would undertake to establish the plant in using Jordanian rock and/or phosphoric acid production of about 100 tonnes a year. He said feasibility study has ended to go ahead with the study and that the JPMC is considering studies from its JPMC director-general's company had several trials for joint venture projects, including Soviet Union, India, Japan, and Arab Potash Company Director-General.

Ali Ensour left Monday for New Delhi to take part in a seminar on the potash, phosphate and fertiliser industries. A number of directors of Indian fertiliser industries will take part in the seminar during which prospects for joint venture projects are expected to be discussed.

India imports 1.4 million tonnes of fertilisers a year and 400,000-450,000 tonnes of potash.

The JPMC directly employs 4,000 workers and 1,000 others are employed by contractors working for the company, in addition to the employment of drivers for 3,000 cars and trucks and railroad workers.

Azar told the Jordan Times that work on the new Shidieh mine has started and that production will start by the end of this year. The Shidieh mine will gradually replace Al Hasa and Al Abiad mines which are becoming more expensive to exploit. Azar said.

## Israel issues first permits for direct Palestinian exports

IV (R) — Israel issued permits for direct fruit imports from Palestinian growers in the Gaza Strip to the European Community (EC), an agriculture ministry has said. The secretary of Agricultural Union in the occupied West Bank, Khaled Qutob, said he would sign an agreement with the ministry Monday for any farm produce from occupied territories to be sent to Europe without interference. A spokesman Naftali said Israel's decision to enter into an accord with the EC Palestinian farmers export

their produce independently should clear the way for the Dutch Embassy which has monitored progress of the permits. said the nine months of Israeli-Palestinian talks ended in good faith.

The parliament previously could not raise the necessary majority to endorse the tariff-cutting agreements in protest at Israel's tough handling of a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The agriculture ministry said in a statement: "With the start of the exports according to the agreement between Israel and the European market, we hope for quick approval of the trade protocols."

The vote is due Wednesday.

## Iranian 'riyal fever' cools

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Currency dealers said Monday speculators are keeping Iranian money off the currency exchange market in hopes that successful peace talks will send the rate soaring parallel to the surge after the ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

One banker in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), speaking on condition of anonymity, said "the unprofessional public" in the Gulf "sought easy profit from the speculated difference in the exchange rate after peace."

Dealers in the UAE said that 1,000 Iranian riyals sold for four UAE dirhams (\$1.08), but an hour after Iran accepted the ceasefire July 18, the rate suddenly jumped to 5.50 dirhams (\$1.48) for 1,000 riyals.

"Everyone was expecting the riyal to improve further," said another banking source.

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## U.S. bank seeks breakup of Israel's biggest company

TEL AVIV (R) — An American bank, in a move that could hurt the Labour Party in next month's general election, has filed a law suit to break up Israel's biggest industrial concern, the trade union-owned Koor Industries.

Bankers Trust, Koor's largest foreign creditor, filed the suit in a Tel Aviv court Sunday, demanding immediate repayment of a \$20 million loan, a Koor spokesman said.

The court gave Koor 10 days to respond to the suit.

The spokesman said Koor, which employs 27,000 workers and produces 10 per cent of Israel's gross national product, would fight what he called unfair pressure. He said Koor had a moral obligation to deal even-handedly with all its creditors.

The suit could hardly come at a worse time for the Labour Party.

Its opponents in the election, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, accuse the Histadrut labour federation which owns Koor of bureaucratic

economic incompetence.

"I'm sure it was (filed) because of the sensitivity before the elections," Koor Managing Director Benny Gaon said in a television interview.

It is unlikely that any action will be taken against the firm as talks between Koor, the Histadrut-owned Bank HaPoalim and Bank of Israel officials got underway to find a solution.

Israel radio reported Israel was holding talks with Bankers Trust in the United States to reach a settlement out of court.

The company, which in June reported record losses for 1987 of \$250 million, owes foreign banks some \$405 million. Koor manufactures a wide variety of industrial and consumer equipment as well as chemicals and food products.

It renegotiated many of the loans in July after appointing new management and embarking on a recovery programme that involved dismissing 4,000 workers.

In a statement issued through a

Tel Aviv law firm, Bankers Trust said all attempts over the last three weeks had failed to obtain repayment of the debt, which Koor declared it would not repay.

The court is requested to order the liquidation of Koor because of its being insolvent and unable to repay, by its own admission, the amount of the debt," it said.

Labour leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met economic aides in an urgent effort to find a solution. Likud, currently Labour's partner in a national unity government, supports the privatisation of the Histadrut business empire.

The Jerusalem Post quoted economic officials as saying the government would stand behind Koor Industries and act to prevent a breakup of the company.

The Koor spokesman said: "Koor will do everything in its power to prevent a dismantling."

He said there was no logic in the bank's action, since it would gain nothing by dismantling the firm.

### Egg society resets prices

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A Finnish economic delegation left Amman Monday at the end of a two-day visit during which its members held talks with Jordanian officials on promoting bilateral cooperation in economic and trade fields.

The talks culminated in the signing of a five-year renewable agreement designed to expand and deepen mutual relations in economic, industrial and technological fields.

The Finnish team was led by

Alec Aalto, deputy director general of the Finnish foreign

ministry who signed the agreement with Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary-General Mohammad Saqqaf.

### ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

#### TCC to expand Balqa network

SALT (Petra) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) plans to install an additional six electronic telephone switchboards to add at least 10,560 telephone lines in the Balqa region, according to a TCC spokesman here Monday. He said the new lines will benefit Salt, Allan, Kafrain, Karama, Barqa, Subeih and Maasi areas within the governorate. The total cost of the project, he said, is expected to amount to JD 4 million, and work will begin as soon as the TCC finalises studies of bids prior to awarding the contract to a firm, the spokesman said. The project, he added, was part of a general TCC plan to ensure better telecommunications services to the Balqa region.

#### IMO to aid developing countries

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — The U.N. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) opened an institute in Malta last week to train specialists from developing countries in maritime law. "Legal expertise in this field is almost non-existent in developing countries," said Chandrika Prasad Srivastava, the IMO secretary-general. "The high costs involved in hiring expertise from the developed countries has marred the development and updating of maritime law in developing countries around the world," he added. He said the new institute would complement the IMO's International Maritime University in Sweden.

#### 3,500 GCC projects cost \$16 billion

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council have invested 60 billion riyals (\$16 billion) in more than 3,500 regional industrial projects in the last decade. Saudi Arabia's industry minister announced last week. Abdul Aziz Al Zamil, addressing a conference of GCC industrial ministers, underlined the importance of developing the region's industries, particularly in aluminium, petrochemicals, iron and steel and cement. "We are determined to attain self-sufficiency in these fields," he stressed.

#### Sudan to increase taxes

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem was quoted last week as saying taxes would be raised to help pay for damage caused by severe floods in August. Al Dayem newspaper quoted Dayem as saying the government would also cut spending so more resources could be diverted to rebuilding after the floods, which made about two million people homeless and washed away roads and railways. He gave no details of the tax hikes but Western analysts suggested they were designed to encourage the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to provide more aid. The World Bank has already pledged \$75 million to help repair infrastructure damaged in the floods. The Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) quoted a government official as saying last Wednesday the country needed at least \$1 billion to repair flood damage.

He said that during August a total of 216 vessels docked at the port, registering 6.4 increase over the figures of the previous month, but the total volume of goods handled during August at the port registered a five per cent decline compared to July.

Fayez said that the corporation collected JD 3.2 million in revenues during August 1988, registering a 21.1 per cent over the figures of the same month of 1987. He added that the total revenues collected by the corporation during the first eight months of 1988 amounted to JD 21.8 million against nearly JD 20.5 million in the same period of 1987.

### JPC collects

#### JD 21.8 million in 8 months

#### AOABA (Petra) — Jordanian phosphate exported via Aqaba last August accounted for 54 per cent of the total Jordanian exports in that month, according to Jordanian Ports Corporation (JPC) Director-General Eid Al Fayez.

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### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Monday rates		Market rates		
	Central Bank official rates	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
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Pound Sterling	640.7	647.1	715.5	726.8	
Deutschmark	202.5	204.5	226.4	230.0	
Swiss franc	238.6	241.0	267.0	270.6	
French franc	59.4	60.0	65.5	66.6	
Japanese yen (for 100)	283.0	285.8	—	—	
Dutch guilder	179.6	181.4	—	—	
Swedish krona	59.1	59.7	59.5	61.5	
Italian lira (for 100)	27.2	27.5	—	—	
Betgian franc (for 100)	96.5	97.5	—	—	
Saudi riyat	—	—	112.4	113.4	
Lebanese lira	—	—	—	—	
Syrian lira	—	—	9.6	10.0	
Iraqi dinar	—	—	290.0	300.0	
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1457.5	1468.7	
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	172.5	177.5	
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	162.5	167.5	
UAE dirham	—	—	114.8	115.9	
Qatari riyat	—	—	115.7	116.7	
Omani riyat	—	—	1089.5	1098.0	
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### AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 10, 1988.			
Number	Volume	Contracts	
Regular market:	152836	JD 220746	200
Top three companies:	360	JD 39193	16
Arab Bank Ltd.	10000	JD 25500	2
Jordan National Bank	14350	JD 25113	29
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	1335	JD 343	—
Parallel market:	—	—	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

### JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663194	Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation	61301
Ministry of Supply	642121	Free Zones Corporation	642011
Ministry of Finance	63321	Amman Financial Market	640170
Ministry of Planning	64346	Amman Chamber of Commerce	661151
Ministry of Labour	652186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Agriculture	632911	Association of Banks in Jordan	63



## World News

new 'urgent measures' fail to quell strikes, rallies

## Authorities crack down on protesters in Montenegro

BELGRADE (AP) — Communist authorities announced the imposition of "urgent measures" today in the capital of Montenegro republic as thousands of workers and students continued rallies in defiance of President Raif Dzidarevic.

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### Pravda faults leaders for unrest

Pravda (R) — Pravda Monday said corruption, including "nefarious speculation" and between criminals and the cities of Azerbaijan, were at of ethnic disturbances in public's region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Communist Party paper also accused leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh of refusing help from the Azerbaijan authorities.

Commenting on the past eight of inter-ethnic conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, where 75 per cent of the population is Armenian, Pravda said the main fault with officials opposed to leader Mikhail Gor-

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warned that if order was not restored, government controls could be stepped up.

The unrest continued Monday. In the northern Montenegrin town of Niksic, several thousand steel mill workers Monday continued to strike for a second day, rallying outside factory management offices, witnesses said.

In the Montenegrin capital of Titograd, 450 kilometres southwest of Belgrade, about 1,000 construction workers who had led a rally of 20,000 people Friday gathered inside factory gates to call again for the ouster of local communist leaders, Tanjug said.

Dzidarevic heads the nine-member collective state presidency which acts as supreme commander of the armed forces. He

The crowd rejected pleas from local officials to return to work.

Hundreds of Titograd students, who started a protest fast Sunday to press demands for free elections, were joined Sunday night by students in Niksic, 50 kilometres north of Titograd, and the port city of Kotor.

The speech followed three months of nationwide labour and ethnic protests and Saturday's violent clashes between demonstrators and riot police in the southern republic of Montenegro.

Yugoslavia is a federation of six republics and two autonomous provinces. Power rests with the Communist Party; each of the provinces and republics has its own party hierarchy.

bachev's reform programme.

"Their actions had resulted in the destabilisation of Nagorno-Karabakh and other areas, it said.

"Shameless speculation, the intertwining of criminal elements with the departments of law and order and even party and government organs — all this is the scourge of Azerbaijan," Pravda said.

It said that under the former leadership of the republic grain production fell by 52 per cent, meat by 66 per cent and milk by 70 per cent during the years 1970-87.

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tions, more than 250,000 people were still without productive employment and bribetaking and corruption were still widespread.

"The louder the talk about the struggle against protectionism, nepotism and parochialism, the more people were dragged up into leading positions in keeping with these very principles," Pravda said.

It said the new Azerbaijani Communist Party chief, Abdul Vezirov, who replaced the disgraced Kiyamran Bagirov in May this year, had drawn up a programme aimed at pulling the entire republic, including Nagorno-Karabakh, out of stagnation.

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A few kilometres away another battle erupted when front gunmen opened fire on the police station at Urubokka. The attackers were repulsed and no casualties were reported.

The government imposed a 24-hour curfew in Matara from Monday morning after the JVP called for a one-day strike in protest against the pact signed by India and Sri Lanka aimed at ending five years of ethnic violence on the island.

The front, composed mainly of majority Sinhalese, has criticised the pact as a sell-out to India and opposed the merger of the Tamil-dominated north with the east.

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### Court rejects Marcos' return

MANILA (R) — A Philippine court Monday rejected a petition by deposed ruler Ferdinand Marcos to return home and answer corruption charges, saying the decision was up to President Corazon Aquino.

Anti-graft court Justice Romeo Escareal issued the ruling a month before the court begins a pre-trial hearing on allegations that Marcos received millions of dollars in kickbacks from Japanese companies during his 20-year rule.

Aquino has barred Marcos's return from exile in Hawaii, calling him a threat to national security.

Escareal said Marcos's return was a political question beyond the reach of his court, and one only Aquino could resolve.

He suggested Marcos could challenge the ban by elevating his case to the Supreme Court.

The 71-year-old Marcos, who has lived in Hawaii since being ousted in a 1986 popular revolt, had asked Escareal to order the government to issue travel documents so he could defend himself personally in the Nov. 7-9 hearings.

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Saw Maung has claimed order has been restored in Burma but protests are continuing

## Rebels battle Burmese soldiers

RANGOON (AP) — Some 1,000 guerrillas trying to seize a government post fought fierce battles with soldiers Monday along the river border with Thailand, a government spokesman said.

The Karen guerrillas raided perimeter outposts Sept. 26, then sent reinforcements to attack government troops at Methawaw on the western bank of the Moei River, said spokesman Kyaw Sann.

More than 150 shells from mortars and recoilless rifles, fired from the Thai side of the river, crashed into Methawaw Sunday, he told a news conference. Shells fired by the guerrillas inside Burma also struck Thai territory, he said.

The area is about 210

kilometres northeast of Rangoon. Kyaw Sann, who gave no casualty figures, said the fighting continued Monday "in the second biggest engagement" since Sept. 23 when government forces drove back some 2,000 guerrillas of the Burma Communist Party from Mong Yang in the east.

The government had said more than 200 communist guerrillas and 47 soldiers, including five officers, were killed in that fighting. The communists attacked the government outpost at Mong Yang, but were driven back by additional soldiers.

The Karen, an ethnic-based group, and the communists are the country's two most powerful insurrections. They have killed at least 440 people since the takeover.

fighting the government for decades, the Karens seeking greater autonomy for their areas.

Kyaw Sann also acknowledged more than 3,000 students had joined the rebel groups since military commander General Saw Maung seized power in Rangoon Sept. 18. He said some were receiving military training.

Officials of three rebel groups told reporters Sunday in Thailand that some 4,000 students and other civilians had joined their ranks. Students were at the forefront of recent pro-democracy demonstrations in Rangoon, but they were driven underground by Saw Maung's troops, who have killed at least 440 people since the takeover.

## Pope calls for economic restructuring in France

METZ, France (AP) — Pope John Paul II called Monday for "a new economic restructuring" in an homily delivered to Roman Catholics in an industrial region of France afflicted by the decline of mining and heavy industry.

At a mass in Metz on the third day of his four-day trip to northeastern France, the pontiff urged Roman Catholics to look to their faith for courage in confronting crisis in society.

"Today the economic recession is leaving a large number of residents of Lorraine without work," he told thousands of people packed into the soaring gothic cathedral.

The decline in heavy industry and mining has particularly hurt immigrants who came in waves

from Europe and North Africa during the industrial boom years of the 1960s and 1970s and now make up nearly 10 per cent of the population of Metz and the surrounding area.

The 63-year-old Pope, resplendent in a glittering gold robe, spoke to an overflow crowd bathed in sunlight pouring through brilliant stained glass windows.

He appealed to them to build a strong faith to withstand changes in society. Although France is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, only a small percentage practice their faith.

## Make-or-break week for U.S. presidential campaign

WASHINGTON (R) — Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis Monday heads into what analysts say could be a crucial week in determining whether he or Republican George Bush becomes president.

In the presidential debate scheduled for later in the week, Dukakis may have his last chance to upset Vice-President Bush and reverse the Republican's lead in the opinion polls.

By increasing attacks on Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle, Dukakis has regained some of the political momentum that has eluded him since July's nomination.

"If (the Democrats) can build this week, and if Dukakis does well in the debate, then I think they've got a chance," conservative political analyst Kevin Phillips said on television.

"But if they don't build this week and Dukakis doesn't do well (in the debate), then I think Bush will take it," he said.

Bush narrowly leads Dukakis in opinion polls. Newspapers surveys place Bush well ahead in the state-by-state contest for electoral votes that actually decide the presidency, but still lacking the 270 needed to win.

The debate, the second and last

scheduled between the two candidates, will be in Los Angeles Thursday or Friday, depending on the outcome of the world series baseball playoffs Sunday.

There, Bush told a rally of Eastern European immigrants and descendants that "none of us will ever forget that there is not freedom in Eastern Europe."

Dukakis said in an interview published Sunday that he plans to attack Bush well in the coming weeks after being stung by Bush's repeated attacks on Dukakis's patriotism, political philosophy and records on crime and the environment.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### 2 tankers collide, cause oil spill

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Two oil tankers collided early Monday in the Singapore Straits, causing an oil spill over a 5.1-square-kilometre area, an official said. No one was injured in the collision between the Century Dawn and the Asean Energy, said Captain Jaafar Lamri, head of the Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centre in Port Klang, 30 kilometres west of here. Jaafar told the Bernama news agency the Century Dawn, carrying more than 4,000 cubic metres of crude, and the empty Asean Energy collided about 16 kilometres south of Penggerang off southern Johore State. The collision badly damaged the Century Dawn, causing its cargo to spill over a five-square-kilometre area, Lamri said. The Singapore Maritime Department has deployed boats to clean up the spill.

### Yugoslav train wreck kills 33

BELGRADE (AP) — At least 33 people were killed and several others injured when two cars of an express passenger train derailed at a station in eastern Yugoslavia Sunday, the state Tanjug news agency reported Monday. The 7:20 p.m. (1820 GMT) crash in Lapovo, some 80 kilometres south of Belgrade, was initially thought to have killed 20 people, police said. The train was on a regular run from the southern city of Skopje to Belgrade when its last two cars jumped off the rails at full speed at the Lapovo station and rammed into an engine of a parked freight train, Tanjug said. A Belgrade radio report described the impact as "tremendous." Initial findings suggest that technical failure, rather than human error, was the cause of the accident as the engine driver reportedly entered the station observing all signals and did not exceed speed limits, the agency said.

### Gas forces evacuation of U.S. town

NITRO, West Virginia (R) — Police evacuated 3,500 people from this small industrial town Sunday as experts prepared to destroy a cylinder of lethal cyanide gas. J.R. Smith, chief of the West Virginia State Police, said the cylinder had been found along with other potentially hazardous materials in the warehouse of a chemical company that went out of business a month ago. Experts

from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prepared to blow up the cylinder, which Smith described as a virtual time bomb because of rusting and decay. "They'll explode it and hurt it," Smith said, adding that the experts were working slowly and with extreme caution because "they're afraid that just by touching it may cause something."

### Medical pioneer, wife die together

MIAMI (AP) — Frank Gollan, who isolated the polio virus and invented the first heart-lung machine, and his wife died at their home in what their son said appeared to be a double suicide. "My father made various allusions to suicide," said Andy Gollan, adding he believes his father and stepmother each took an overdose of pills Wednesday night. Gollan, 78, left a note explaining that he and his 81-year-old wife, Alice, were concerned about their deteriorating health. The couple's bodies were discovered late Thursday afternoon when neighbours noticed they had not picked up their mail or newspaper. A spokesman for the Dade County Medical Examiner's Office said the deaths would not be classified until the results of toxicology tests are in, which could take up to two weeks. Gollan had polio as a child and grew up determined to find a cure.

### Taiwan to produce own jet fighter

TAIPEI (AP) — Taiwan plans to finish a prototype of its first locally developed jet fighter by the end of the year, the defence ministry announced Sunday. The ministry said the military-run Chungshan Science Institute in northern Taiwan plans mass production of the fighter next year. The statement from the ministry said development of the fighter began in 1983 after Taiwan experienced difficulty in purchasing weapons from abroad. The statement did not say whether the plane was being built with U.S. assistance, although the Star-Telegram newspaper of Fort Worth, Texas, reported in May that the General Dynamics Corporation has secretly helped Taiwan develop a new fighter plane for the past three years. The Americans assisted some 100 Taiwanese engineers with the design, a programme approved by the U.S. State Department but operated quietly to avoid offending China, according to the report.

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### Actor honoured by British film academy

LONDON (AP) — The British Film Academy Sunday honoured actor Dirk Bogarde with its first award for outstanding contribution to world cinema. Hundreds of celebrities, led by Queen Elizabeth II's daughter Princess Anne, gathered at London's Odeon Movie Theatre to honour the 67-year-old veteran of nearly 50 films. The army's Grenadier guards band played in the rain outside the theatre as nearly 300 fans cheered in the street. Inside, an audience of 2,000 gave Bogarde a five-minute standing ovation. Bogarde, whose movies include "Death in Venice," "The Servant," "Victim," "Darling" and "The Damned," is recovering from a stroke he suffered last year. He has written three novels and four volumes of autobiography. "Dirk is in a league of his own. He stands out among his acting colleagues as one of the greats," said movie director Sir Richard Attenborough, vice president of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, which made the award.

### Parton talks about hair

RADNER, Pennsylvania (AP) — Singer Dolly Parton says female country singers have changed with the times — their hair especially. "You could always tell a woman country singer from miles away," Parton said in an interview in the publication TV Guide. "You were judged not by how good you were but by how big your hairdo was. I look at the pictures from back then and I think, 'Oh, my God in heaven, the devil must have made me wear hair like that.'"

### Reverend performs offbeat weddings

NORTH MUSKEGON, Michigan (AP) — When it comes to the marriage business, the Reverend Ben Jansen will perform the wedding ceremony in almost any fashion, just as long as the fashion includes clothes. A couple called and asked if I would marry them in the buff (nude)," Jansen said. "I thought she said 'on the bus' and I said sure. . . I did the wedding, but we all had clothes on." What started as a way to supplement his income as pastor of the 70-member Christ Community Congregational Church seven years ago has become a passion for Jansen, and he says a very important part of his ministry. It was not long before Jansen, 42, began getting requests from people who were turned down by other pastors in town because they did not want a church ceremony.

### Como says 'yech' afterwards

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Perry Como says the "awful novelty songs" that his concert audiences still demand have been haunting him since the 1930s, when he sang with Ted Weems' Big Band. He said he and Frank Sinatra and all the other singers used to talk about all the terrible songs they had to sing. Como, 76, said he still winces when performing such million-selling hits as "Papa Love Mambo" and "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes." "A Huh-huh-huh-huh-huh" was another sick one and another gold record," said Como, who is performing at a large hotel-Casino in Atlantic City. "I still do them onstage once in a while because the audience wants it, but I say 'yech' afterwards."

### Six-year-old driver

TAPPAN, New York (AP) — A six-year-old boy drove his grandmother's car eight kilometres through two states in a nighttime rainstorm, making turns and keeping up with traffic on roads with speed limits up to 72 kilometres per hour. "The kid was driving pretty doggone good," said Lawrence Forgas, a chiropractor who chased and after seeing him drive past his office window. The boy, identified by police only as Jeffrey, was at his grandmother's house in Haworth, New Jersey, when he fell asleep Sunday evening. The boy, whose parents are separated, took his grandmother's car keys and drove off in her 1987 Chrysler, heading for his father's house in Valley Cottage, New York, almost 16 kilometres away. In Tappan, Forgas saw the car go past. He and a patient, Frank Thomas, gave chase in separate cars.

A Tamil rebel with bodies of Indian army soldiers killed in Sri Lanka.

"We have gone through World War I and now we are in the midst of World War II," said one Tamil woman, who did not want her name used because she feared for her safety.

Jaffna, a city of about 100,000 people some 300 kilometres north of Colombo